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WASHINGTON, April 26, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 21 totaled 347,551, down 2.6 percent from the comparable week of 1989 but 2.1 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 4.0 percent in the East and 1.0 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 3,435 cars (2.7 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment decreased by 4,883 cars (22.3 percent) and metallic ores loadings were down 3,689 cars (17.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 16 weeks of 1990 totaled 5,399,357, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 110,667 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 21, down 2.6 percent from the comparable week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of 1990 was 1,855,745 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 21 totaled 20.3 billion, down 0.5 percent from the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 313.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1990	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,685	29,702	-.1 %	27,031	9.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,164	2,502	-53.5	1,666	-30.1
Metallic Ores	17,636	21,325	-17.3	18,537	-4.9
Coal	131,672	128,237	2.7	136,616	-3.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,678	16,444	-4.7	13,979	12.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,834	9,694	1.4	9,545	3.0
Grain Mill Products	9,772	10,167	-3.9	9,754	.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,429	8,859	-4.9	8,211	2.7
Primary Forest Products	10,319	10,674	-3.3	9,799	5.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,813	7,270	-6.3	6,743	1.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,450	10,835	-3.6	10,595	-1.4
Chemicals	31,622	30,472	3.8	28,289	11.8
Petroleum Products	5,345	5,262	1.6	4,668	14.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,477	11,247	-6.8	9,786	7.1
Coke	6,240	5,754	8.4	5,902	5.7
Metals & Products	9,978	9,848	1.3	8,880	12.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,988	21,871	-22.3	15,952	6.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,992	9,424	-4.6	8,571	4.9
All Other Carloads	6,457	7,400	-12.7	6,000	7.6
Total	347,551	356,987	-2.6 %	340,524	2.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 21, 1990			CUMULATIVE: 16 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 21, 1990		
	1990	1989	CHANGE	1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	347,551	356,987	-2.6 %	5,399,357	5,377,242	.4 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	61,680	67,770	-9.0	1,050,092	1,046,437	.3
Containers	48,987	45,904	6.7	805,653	752,619	7.0
Total	110,667	113,674	-2.6	1,855,745	1,799,056	3.2
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.3	20.4	-5 %	313.8	309.8	1.3 %